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**1. DCMC 2000 Software CAS Conference: Lead - Gary Gumprecht**

The conference will be held on 18 - 22 September 2000. The 18<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> are travel days. Location will be the Wyndham Resort in Orlando. This was the location used for past DCMC Commander's Conference. The symposium will consist of general sessions and smaller breakout training sessions. Primary emphasis will be on the DCMC Software Professional Maturity Model and the CMM Based Insight Initiative. Detailed agenda and meeting information to follow. TDY will be centrally funded with attendance allocations made by the districts.

**2. Biggest Problems in Software Development: Lead - Lt Col Lang**

Interesting article in the Nov/Dec 99 Issue of Program Manager, a bi-monthly periodical published by the Defense Systems Management College. This article identifies lack of requirement definition and inappropriate cost estimating as the leading causes for software development slippage. The article also identifies solutions for each problem. We in DCMC will work to pursue implementation of these initiatives through the DoD Collaborators Workshop (Chaired by the DUSD(S&T)) which was established for this specific purpose. I would suggest these same issues should be raised by you (where applicable) at the CAO level back to the program office. A synopsis of the article (including recommendations to resolve) and the article in its entirety can be found on the DCMC Software Center Web page under

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